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SUBJ: OMAN REQUEST FOR GRENADE LAUNCHERS
KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT
REF: (A) MAP AMMAN 260905Z; (B) KUWAIT 4048; (C) AMMAN
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1. BASIC PROBLEM FURNISHING M79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS OUT-
LINED IN REFS C & E. M79'S NO LONGER BEING PRODUCED OR
STOCKED BY USG. GOJ UNWILLING TO PROVIDE THEM FROM ITS
STOCKS UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED REF E -- I.E., REPAY-
MENT TO USG FOR ITEMS TRANSFERRED TO OMAN SINCE THESE
WERE SUPPLIED TO JORDAN UNDER MAP.

2. SINCE JORDAN OUT, SUGGEST OMANIS APPROACH IRAN,
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WHICH MAY HAVE SOME NON-MAP M-79'S AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER.

IF THIS FAILS, OMANIS CAN TURN TO BRITISH, WHOM WE
UNDERSTAND HAVE THEIR OWN GRENADE LAUNCHER, WHICH IS
SLIGHTLY LESS EFFECTIVE THAN M-79, IN STOCK.

3. ONLY ALTERNATIVE FROM US STOCKS WOULD BE M-203
GRENADE LAUNCHER. HOWEVER, PURCHASE OF M-203 WOULD
REQUIRE SWITCH TO M-16 RIFLE FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED AS
ATTACHMENT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM COL. MALONEY THAT SHIFT
TO M-16 ALREADY RULED OUT BY SAF, AND WE CONCUR THAT M-203
IS NOT REPEAT NOT A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE FOR OMAN. KISSINGER

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